

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## Aluminum Chloride (with Bentonite) Formulation

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Aluminum Chloride (with Bentonite) Formulation  
Product code : Proquatic PondFloc

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company name of supplier : Merck & Co., Inc  
Address : 126 E. Lincoln Avenue  
Rahway, New Jersey U.S.A. 07065  
Telephone : 908-740-4000  
Emergency telephone : 1-908-423-6000  
E-mail address : EHSDATASTEWARD@merck.com

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Veterinary product  
Restrictions on use : Not applicable

### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Combustible dust

Serious eye damage : Category 1

#### Other hazards

Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : Danger

Hazard Statements : If small particles are generated during further processing, handling or by other means, may form combustible dust concentrations in air.  
H318 Causes serious eye damage.

Supplemental Hazard Statements : Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
P280 Wear eye protection and face protection.  
**Response:**  
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with

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water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

#### Components

Chemical name	CAS No./Unique ID	Concentration (% w/w)	Trade secret
Aluminum chloride, basic	1327-41-9*	>= 65 - <= 85	TSC
Bentonite	1302-78-9*	>= 10 - <= 30	TSC

\* Indicates that the identifier is a CAS No.

TSC- the actual concentration or concentration range is withheld as a trade secret

### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.  
When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.

If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

In case of skin contact : Wash with water and soap.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.

In case of eye contact : In case of contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.  
If easy to do, remove contact lens, if worn.  
Get medical attention immediately.

If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.  
Get medical attention if symptoms occur.  
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.  
Causes serious eye damage.  
Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

Protection of first-aiders : First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection, and use the recommended personal protective equipment when the potential for exposure exists (see section 8).

Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.

### SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
Alcohol-resistant foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO2)  
Dry chemical

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| Unsuitable extinguishing media                 | : | None known.   |
| Specific hazards during fire fighting          | : | Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard.<br>Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.                   |
| Hazardous combustion products                  | : | Metal oxides<br>Chlorine compounds  |
| Specific extinguishing methods                 | : | Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.<br>Use water spray to cool unopened containers.<br>Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so.<br>Evacuate area. |
| Special protective equipment for fire-fighters | : | In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus.<br>Use personal protective equipment.  |

### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

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| Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures | : | Use personal protective equipment.<br>Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).   |
| Environmental precautions   | : | Avoid release to the environment.<br>Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.<br>Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water.<br>Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.  |
| Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up               | : | Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal.<br>Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air).<br>Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration.<br>Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable.<br>Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements. |

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| Technical measures          | : | Static electricity may accumulate and ignite suspended dust causing an explosion.<br>Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.  |
| Local/Total ventilation     | : | Use only with adequate ventilation.   |
| Advice on safe handling     | : | Do not breathe dust.<br>Do not swallow.<br>Do not get in eyes.<br>Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin.<br>Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment<br>Keep container tightly closed.<br>Minimize dust generation and accumulation.<br>Keep container closed when not in use.<br>Keep away from heat and sources of ignition.<br>Take precautionary measures against static discharges.<br>Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment. |
| Conditions for safe storage | : | Keep in properly labeled containers.<br>Keep tightly closed.<br>Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.   |
| Materials to avoid          | : | Do not store with the following product types:<br>Strong oxidizing agents   |

### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

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| inert or nuisance dust               | 50 Million particles per cubic foot<br>Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (total dust)<br>Basis: OSHA Z-3<br><br>15 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (total dust)<br>Basis: OSHA Z-3<br><br>5 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (respirable fraction)<br>Basis: OSHA Z-3<br><br>15 Million particles per cubic foot<br>Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (respirable fraction)<br>Basis: OSHA Z-3 |
| Dust, nuisance dust and particulates | 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>Value type (Form of exposure): PEL (Total dust)<br>Basis: CAL PEL<br><br>5 mg/m <sup>3</sup><br>Value type (Form of exposure): PEL (respirable dust fraction)<br>Basis: CAL PEL   |

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Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Aluminum chloride, basic	1327-41-9	TWA	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (Aluminum)	NIOSH REL

**Engineering measures** : All engineering controls should be implemented by facility design and operated in accordance with GMP principles to protect products, workers, and the environment. Containment technologies suitable for controlling compounds are required to control at source and to prevent migration of the compound to uncontrolled areas (e.g., open-face containment devices). Minimize open handling.

### Personal protective equipment

**Respiratory protection** : General and local exhaust ventilation is recommended to maintain vapor exposures below recommended limits. Where concentrations are above recommended limits or are unknown, appropriate respiratory protection should be worn. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators. Protection provided by air purifying respirators against exposure to any hazardous chemical is limited. Use a positive pressure air supplied respirator if there is any potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are unknown, or any other circumstance where air purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

### Hand protection

**Material** : Chemical-resistant gloves

**Remarks** : Consider double gloving.

**Eye protection** : Wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles. If the work environment or activity involves dusty conditions, mists or aerosols, wear the appropriate goggles. Wear a faceshield or other full face protection if there is a potential for direct contact to the face with dusts, mists, or aerosols.

**Skin and body protection** : Work uniform or laboratory coat. Additional body garments should be used based upon the task being performed (e.g., sleevelets, apron, gauntlets, disposable suits) to avoid exposed skin surfaces. Use appropriate degowning techniques to remove potentially contaminated clothing.

**Hygiene measures** : If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place. When using do not eat, drink or smoke. Wash contaminated clothing before re-use. The effective operation of a facility should include review of

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engineering controls, proper personal protective equipment, appropriate degowning and decontamination procedures, industrial hygiene monitoring, medical surveillance and the use of administrative controls.

### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	powder
Color	:	yellow
Odor	:	characteristic
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	:	No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	Not applicable
Evaporation rate	:	Not applicable
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.
Flammability (liquids)	:	Not applicable
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapor pressure	:	No data available
Relative vapor density	:	Not applicable
Relative density	:	No data available
Density	:	No data available
Solubility(ies) Water solubility	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	Not applicable
Autoignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available

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Viscosity		
Viscosity, kinematic	:	Not applicable
Explosive properties	:	Not explosive
Oxidizing properties	:	The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.
Molecular weight	:	No data available
Particle characteristics		
Particle size	:	No data available

### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	:	Not classified as a reactivity hazard.
Chemical stability	:	Stable under normal conditions.
Possibility of hazardous reactions	:	May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means. Can react with strong oxidizing agents.
Conditions to avoid	:	Heat, flames and sparks. Avoid dust formation.
Incompatible materials	:	Oxidizing agents
Hazardous decomposition products	:	No hazardous decomposition products are known.

### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation  
Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

#### Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Acute oral toxicity	:	LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg Method: OECD Test Guideline 401 Assessment: The substance or mixture has no acute oral toxicity
Acute dermal toxicity	:	LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg

##### Bentonite:

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Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): > 2,000 mg/kg  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 425

Acute inhalation toxicity : LC50 (Rat): > 5.27 mg/l  
Exposure time: 4 h  
Test atmosphere: dust/mist  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 436

### Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 404  
Result : No skin irritation

#### Bentonite:

Species : Rabbit  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 404  
Result : No skin irritation  
Remarks : Based on data from similar materials

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Causes serious eye damage.

### Components:

#### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Species : Rabbit  
Result : Irreversible effects on the eye  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 405

#### Bentonite:

Species : Rabbit  
Result : No eye irritation  
Method : OECD Test Guideline 405

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

#### Skin sensitization

Not classified based on available information.

#### Respiratory sensitization

Not classified based on available information.



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### Components:

#### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Test Type	: Local lymph node assay (LLNA)
Routes of exposure	: Skin contact
Species	: Mouse
Result	: negative

#### Bentonite:

Routes of exposure	: Skin contact
Species	: Mouse
Result	: negative

### Germ cell mutagenicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Genotoxicity in vitro	: Test Type: in vitro micronucleus test Method: OECD Test Guideline 487 Result: negative  Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test Method: OECD Test Guideline 476 Result: negative  Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Method: OECD Test Guideline 471 Result: negative
Genotoxicity in vivo	: Test Type: Mammalian erythrocyte micronucleus test (in vivo cytogenetic assay) Species: Rat Application Route: Ingestion Method: OECD Test Guideline 474 Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

#### Bentonite:

Genotoxicity in vitro	: Test Type: Bacterial reverse mutation assay (AMES) Result: negative  Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test Result: negative  Test Type: Chromosome aberration test in vitro Result: negative
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### Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

**IARC** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**OSHA** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**NTP** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

### Reproductive toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Components:

#### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Effects on fertility	: Test Type: Combined repeated dose toxicity study with the reproduction/developmental toxicity screening test Species: Rat Application Route: Ingestion Method: OECD Test Guideline 422 Result: negative
Effects on fetal development	: Test Type: Combined repeated dose toxicity study with the reproduction/developmental toxicity screening test Species: Rat Application Route: Ingestion Method: OECD Test Guideline 422 Result: negative

#### Bentonite:

Effects on fertility	: Species: Rat Application Route: Ingestion Result: negative Remarks: Based on data from similar materials
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### STOT-single exposure

Corrosive to the respiratory tract.

### STOT-repeated exposure

Not classified based on available information.

### Repeated dose toxicity

### Components:

#### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Species	: Rat
NOAEL	: 200 mg/kg
LOAEL	: 1,000 mg/kg

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Application Route	: Ingestion
Exposure time	: 28 - 53 Days
Method	: OECD Test Guideline 422

### Bentonite:

Species	: Mouse
NOAEL	: 500 mg/kg
Application Route	: Ingestion
Exposure time	: 90 Days

### Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

#### Aluminum chloride, basic:

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Danio rerio (zebra fish)): > 1 - 10 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 203
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: ErC50 (Pseudokirchneriella subcapitata (green algae)): > 1 - 10 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 201
Toxicity to microorganisms	: EC50: > 1,000 mg/l Exposure time: 3 h Method: OECD Test Guideline 209 Remarks: Based on data from similar materials

### Ecotoxicology Assessment

Chronic aquatic toxicity	: No toxicity at the limit of solubility.
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### Bentonite:

Toxicity to fish	: LC50 (Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout)): 16,000 mg/l Exposure time: 96 h
Toxicity to daphnia and other aquatic invertebrates	: EC50 (Daphnia magna (Water flea)): > 100 mg/l Exposure time: 48 h
Toxicity to algae/aquatic plants	: ErC50: > 100 mg/l Exposure time: 72 h

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### Persistence and degradability

No data available

### Bioaccumulative potential

No data available

### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Other adverse effects

No data available

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues	:	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Do not dispose of waste into sewer.
Contaminated packaging	:	Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal. If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### UNRTDG

UN number	:	UN 3260
Proper shipping name	:	CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Aluminum chloride, basic)
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	III
Labels	:	8
Environmentally hazardous	:	no

#### IATA-DGR

UN/ID No.	:	UN 3260
Proper shipping name	:	Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s. (Aluminum chloride, basic)
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	III
Labels	:	Corrosive
Packing instruction (cargo aircraft)	:	864
Packing instruction (passenger aircraft)	:	860

#### IMDG-Code

UN number	:	UN 3260
Proper shipping name	:	CORROSIVE SOLID, ACIDIC, INORGANIC, N.O.S. (Aluminum chloride, basic)
Class	:	8
Packing group	:	III
Labels	:	8

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EmS Code : F-A, S-B  
Marine pollutant : no

### Transport in bulk according to IMO instruments

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### Domestic regulation

#### 49 CFR

UN/ID/NA number : UN 3260  
Proper shipping name : Corrosive solid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.  
(Aluminum chloride, basic)  
Class : 8  
Packing group : III  
Labels : CORROSIVE  
ERG Code : 154  
Marine pollutant : no

### Special precautions for user

The transport classification(s) provided herein are for informational purposes only, and solely based upon the properties of the unpackaged material as it is described within this Safety Data Sheet. Transportation classifications may vary by mode of transportation, package sizes, and variations in regional or country regulations.

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a CERCLA RQ.

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Combustible dust  
Serious eye damage or eye irritation

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### US State Regulations

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know

Aluminum chloride, basic	1327-41-9
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#### California List of Hazardous Substances

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#### California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants

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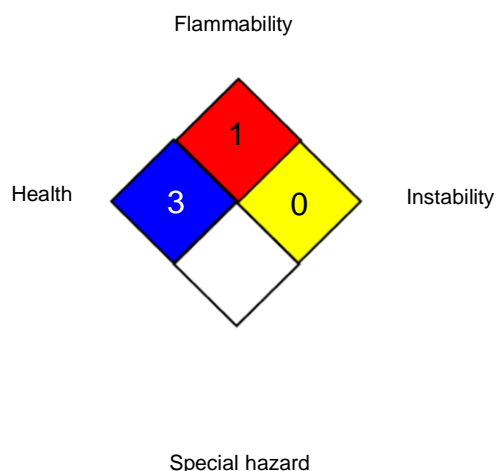
### The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

AICS : not determined  
DSL : not determined  
IECSC : not determined

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

#### NFPA 704:



#### HMIS® IV:

HEALTH	/	3
FLAMMABILITY		3
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0

HMIS® ratings are based on a 0-4 rating scale, with 0 representing minimal hazards or risks, and 4 representing significant hazards or risks. The "\*" represents a chronic hazard, while the "/" represents the absence of a chronic hazard.

### Full text of other abbreviations

CAL PEL : California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)  
NIOSH REL : USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits  
OSHA Z-3 : USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts  
CAL PEL / PEL : Permissible exposure limit  
NIOSH REL / TWA : Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek  
OSHA Z-3 / TWA : 8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized Sys-

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tem; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECI - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Sources of key data used to compile the Material Safety Data Sheet : Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD eChem Portal search results and European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

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